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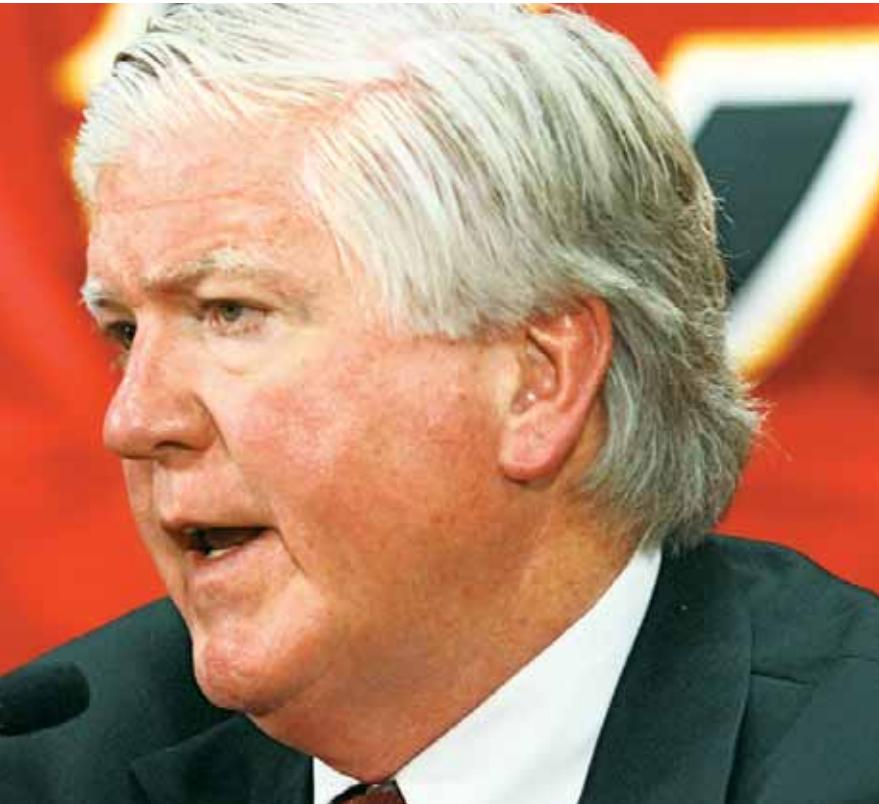
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**FLAMES ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET FOR BURKE**

Building engineer Richard Gurney rolls out a nylon underlay for the centre-ice line at the Scotiabank Saddledome Thursday morning. While work crews were putting the finishing touches on post-flood repairs and renovations, Calgary Flames officials were holding a press conference to announce the hiring of Brian Burke as the team's new head of hockey operations. Stories, pages 4 and 55.

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Parents from Calgary's northwest community of Royal Oak are seen cheering in May as the provincial government gave the green light to a new school in their area. The province announced Thursday it will go the public-private partnership route to build that facility and eight others in Calgary by 2016. METRO FILE

New schools likely to open amid 2016 election season

Public-private partnerships.

Opposition alleges the Tories are using children as pawns



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Finishing touches will be put on new schools across Alberta just in time for the 2016 election season if the Tories stay true to a construction timeline laid out Thursday.

The province announced it will go the public-private partnership (P3) route on 19 of 28 new schools, including eight of nine in Calgary and

both projects planned for Edmonton. The plan is to save \$50 million through partnering and have all P3 facilities ready for staff and school supplies in June 2013, said provincial Infrastructure Minister Wayne Drysdale.

But opposition critics couldn't help but notice that the timeline for the schools would see their completion come just months after a likely 2016 provincial ballot.

"Why a year and a half after the (2012) election are we announcing finally that we're finally going to start getting shovels in the ground?" questioned Wildrose education critic Bruce McAllister. "Well, they do make for a great photo op at election time, don't they?"

In numbers

- The Calgary Board of Education expects its schools to be 87 per cent full by the time any of its six newly planned facilities open in 2016.
- The board also anticipates needing an additional 25 facilities over the next five years to keep pace with enrollment growth.

It remains to be seen if the province can stay on track with what many have said is an ambitious timeline for constructing the schools. Drysdale expects contracts

will be signed for all facilities — 28 new schools and two modernizations — by next summer and he hopes to open even the largest buildings, including a 1,500-student high school in Calgary's northeast, by fall 2016.

But the city's recently unveiled Robert Thirsk High School took nearly four years to build after a contract was signed with Clark Builders in October 2009.

"I guess that's the reason we like going to P3s, because once you sign the contract they're always on time and on budget," Drysdale said, noting such contracts put the responsibility on the private partner to stick to the planned construction schedule.

Lukaszuk. Labour crunch 'compounded' by June flood

Alberta's deputy premier and post-secondary minister says he's asked institution presidents whether they will consider tailoring their enrolment plans to address a labour crunch "compounded" by June's flood.

Thomas Lukaszuk said there's no guarantee of additional funding for the sector hit hardest in last year's budget but added that he will begin compiling financial plans for 2014 "very shortly."

"It's almost two independent worlds making independent decisions, but they have to inform each other," he said of the labour market and post-secondary sector.

But the minister refrained from indicating whether schools able to train professionals currently in high demand would receive kinder financial treatment come budget time. Metro reported earlier this year that trades-friendly institutions like Calgary's SAIT and Edmonton's NAIT took smaller overall cuts to provincial funding in the last budget due to increases in apprenticeship technical training grants.

Lukaszuk said the provincial labour market was already struggling to keep pace in key areas like truck operating, engineering and the hospitality industry, and those areas have been put under even greater strain by thousands of rebuild and restoration projects related to damage caused by the flood.

Jeanette Sutherland, manager of workforce and productivity with Calgary Economic Development, said there has been a greater focus on skilled trades work in residential buildings since the flood, but only slight project delays are being reported so far.

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Saddledome renos should be complete within a week

Major repairs. First eight rows were under water in late June

Calgary Flames president Ken King is "very confident" repairs to the flood-damaged Scotiabank Saddledome will be complete in time for the team's first exhibition game next Saturday.

"We are very close," he said Thursday as work crews continued to plug away at the massive project. "Everything is in place to go."

After the arena was inundated with floodwaters in late June, several major concerts set for July had to be postponed and it had been uncertain whether the facility would be ready for the NHL season.

But King said there is now little doubt of that, and the Flames will almost certainly be hitting the ice on Sept. 14 to

take on the Edmonton Oilers in pre-season action.

The Saddledome is actually set to host two concerts by the Eagles on Sept. 11 and 12, said director of building operations Robert Blanchard, a feat he described as hard to imagine in the immediate aftermath of the flood.

"Seventy-five days ago, we would have been standing under nine feet of water," he said while offering media a tour at ice level. "In that time, it's probably been about 650,000 man hours put into the building to get it back to where it is."

In addition to brand new equipment on the entire lower level — everything from electrical panels to kitchen stoves — the arena now has all-new glass and more than 2,500 brand-new seats.

"We sourced them out of Mexico City to get them here on time and to get the ones that would fit," Blanchard said of

Replace, not upgrade

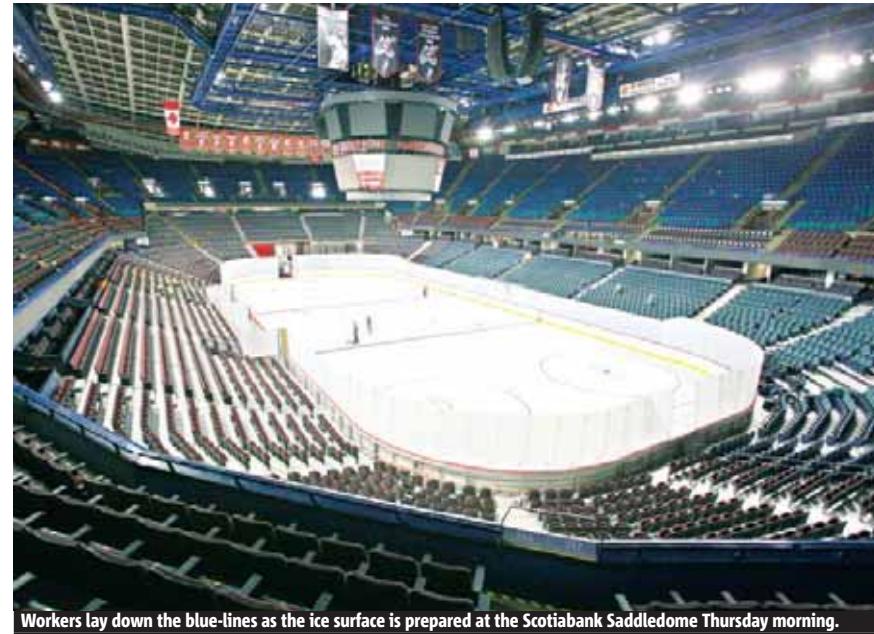
Robert Blanchard, director of building operations, said the task was to replace — not upgrade — damaged equipment, as the Flames don't expect to be in the Saddledome for much longer.

- "If we did major upgrades on this level, we're still left with a concourse that doesn't function properly for us," he said. "All sorts of other areas in the building are just 30 years old and obsolete and just don't work for us."

the chairs, some of which were still being installed Thursday.

As for the total cost of repairs and renovations, King said a precise figure has yet to be tallied. All he would say was: "It's a big number."

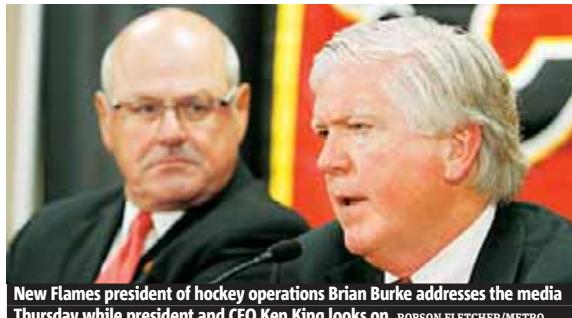
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Workers lay down the blue-lines as the ice surface is prepared at the Scotiabank Saddledome Thursday morning.

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Flames fans weigh in on impact Burke can have



New Flames president of hockey operations Brian Burke addresses the media Thursday while president and CEO Ken King looks on. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Calgary Flames fans greeted the team's hiring of Brian Burke as president of hockey operations Thursday with a mixture of excitement, concern and hope that he might help turn around the struggling franchise.

"I'm excited about it," said Jefri Hiebert. "Burke is a really smart guy; he knows his hockey. I think he got a run out of town unnecessarily in Toronto. He built a solid team from what was

basically a mess."

Chris Ferneyhough, however, wasn't so sure about Burke's previous stint as general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

"I found his act started to wear thin after a while. Seemed more concerned with maintaining his 'code' rather than improving," said Ferneyhough, who is originally from Ontario and still counts himself as a Leafs fan, but also follows the

Track record

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The number of Stanley Cups Brian Burke has won. That came in 2006-07, when he was GM of the Anaheim Ducks.

Flames as his eight-year-old son "loves" the team.

Still, Ferneyhough said Burke's "big personality"

and "strong beliefs" are just what the Flames need right now.

"The franchise seemed totally lost these last few seasons," he said.

LaToya Wilson, meanwhile, said it's about time the Flames restructured the organization.

"I believe (president) Ken King needed to have less involvement and Burke has greater hockey sense," she said. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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Real or replica? Police kept busy with fake firearms

Wasted resources.

Negligent owners could face bylaw fines

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It doesn't take much to mistake a paintball or pellet gun for the real thing, say Calgary police, who've been kept busy responding to calls in recent months where an air-powered firearm was thought to pose real danger.

Insp. Mike Tillotson said the most recent incident saw more than a dozen tactical and K-9 officers dispatched to Nose Creek amid reports someone was armed with a military-style assault rifle.

It took nearly 90 minutes for officers on the ground

and aboard the HAWCS helicopter overhead to determine the firearm actually fired paintballs, not bullets.

"The last thing we would want to see is somebody accidentally or inadvertently putting themselves into a dangerous situation," he said.

Police displayed 21 firearms Thursday, some real and some not, to get across the point that even up close many replicas can fool the average eye. In some cases, officers have found firearms that have been spray-painted to look more realistic or vice versa, Tillotson said.

He also warned it's an offence to fire any air-powered rifle or to transport such weapons with an ammunition round in the chamber unless within the area of a designated shooting range.

To fire such weapons out-

Fines

Owners misusing BB, pellet or Airsoft guns could face fines from \$500-\$1,000.

side of Calgary city limits, the shooter must obtain permission from a landowner.

Tillotson said Calgary police do go through weapons-familiarization training, but added that replica firearms are becoming increasingly realistic.

"I can tell you, anecdotally, that from the spring to the fall we'll have at least several pellet-gun- and BB-gun-related calls per week," he said.

Tillotson said the officers responding to firearms calls that ultimately prove to be fake are potentially being diverted away from other more serious situations.

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Animal services technician Karen Birk scans a dog for identification in 2011. While this pup was alive and well, Birk would use a similar method to attempt to identify dead animals brought by the city's shelter. METRO FILE

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Scanning animals found dead on Calgary streets for identification has led to a degree of closure for dozens of pet owners, according to city animal services.

In August 2011, the city launched a program to check the bodies of animals gathered by road crews for implanted chips or identification tattoos before transporting them to a landfill or having them cremated.

Over two years, 186 owners have been notified of their animals' deaths and given the

option of claiming the body or leaving it in the hands of the city, says Tara Lowes, manager of administration and shelter operations.

"You always hope that you can contact more owners, just to let them know where their animal ended up," she said.

The rate of identification, which is about 30 per cent given that city crews have collected 594 dead animals since the program was launched, is much higher than it was previously, when animal services would rely solely on collars for identification, Lowes said.

She noted that cats — the most common type of dead animal found by city crews — are not required to wear a collar.

The Calgary Humane Society sees frantic owners come by the organization's shelter every day looking for their lost pets, spokesperson Christy Thompson says.

Even in the worst-case scenarios, she said it's important to

ID rates on the rise

- It's believed that more than 90 per cent of Calgary's pets are properly licensed with identification chips or tattoos.

provide some consolation.

"It's another reason why we're really pushing for people to use the permanent (pet) ID, whatever that looks like for them," Thompson said.

Still, even with the improved identification program, which is considered to be the first of its kind in Canada, Lowes conceded the circumstances surrounding many animal deaths remain a mystery.

"We've had some pretty bizarre cases of animals coming where dogs have actually been in their dog beds, but they're on the road," she said.

To learn more, go to calgary.ca/animalservices.

Lengthy investigation

Ex-soldier to plead guilty to child-porn charges

A former Edmonton-based soldier will admit guilt in some of the 119 child-pornography and luring charges he faces, his lawyer says.

Court heard that Matthew Richerveau, 23, intends to enter his plea on Sept. 18. A statement of facts agreed upon by the Crown and defence is expected to be presented at that time.

After the hearing, Richerveau's lawyer, Colleen Connolly, said her client plans to plead guilty to some — but not all — of the charges, avoiding a trial. Richerveau was charged last month after a lengthy investigation by the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service that involved law-enforcement agencies across North America.

Col. Rob Delaney, acting Provost Marshall of the Canadian Forces, said in August that it was an "exceptionally disturbing case of alleged child sexual exploitation using computers and social media." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Edmonton police Sgt. Gary Willits
says police were able to track down a mother charged with child abandonment because a witness took photos of the vehicle and licence plate. ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO

Was shopping, cops say. Edmonton mom charged with abandonment after five-year-old left in car

A 33-year-old mother who left her five-year-old son alone in a car while she shopped at an Edmonton toy store has been charged with child abandonment.

A passerby noticed the boy and stayed with the vehicle as the boy revved the car's engine and hung his body out of the vehicle.

"At times the child was viewed sitting on the edge of the door, kind of Dukes of Hazzard-style, half in and out of the vehicle," Sgt. Gary Willits said.

Police believe the child was at first secured in the back seat, but was able to unbuckle himself and move to the front seat.

The incident happened on Aug. 15.

When police responded to the call, the vehicle was no longer at the reported location.

The citizen who witnessed the incident took photos of the vehicle and licence plate, and officers were able to track down the parent and investigate the claims.

As a result of the investigation, which included video from inside the toy store of the mom shopping for 30 minutes, the 33-year-old mother was charged with abandoning a child. She was also charged under the Child Youth Family Enhancement Act with willfully causing a child to be in need of intervention.

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Study. Liberals renew calls for full-day kindergarten

Alberta's Liberal party is renewing calls for the premier to fulfil an election promise to establish full-day kindergarten programs across the province, just as a study in Ontario has found such a model better prepares young learners.

The study of nearly 700 children conducted by researchers with Queen's and McMaster universities found the risk of a child performing poorly in Grade 1 dropped 75 per cent among students attending a full-day of kindergarten when compared with those going for only a half-day.

Live debate

Syria issue tackled at this weekend's Speakers' Corner

With tensions escalating and an attack a possibility, this weekend's Speakers' Corner will tackle the issue of military intervention in Syria.

Shifting timelines

- A spokesperson with Alberta Education said the plan is still to provide access to full-day kindergarten but timelines have been "re-evaluated and adjusted" given current fiscal realities in the province.

Alberta Liberal education critic Kent Hehr said the estimated \$200 million to establish provincewide full-day kindergarten programs is well worth it. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**

Among those speaking in favour of U.S. military intervention is Dr. Mohammad Korshid, Dr. Yaser Ghanam and Mohamed Hassanin. Speaking against is Aaron Doncaster and another as yet unconfirmed speaker.

You can watch the live debate at Tompkins Park at 8 Street and 17 Avenue S.W. on Sept. 8 at 1:30 p.m. **METRO**

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Ask the candidates what the city is doing to prepare for the next flood

At this point, the Oct. 21 election might seem as though it's years away.

But the truth is the weeks leading up to the big day will go by faster than you can imagine, and before you know it, you'll be walking into your polling station deciding who will be running Calgary for the next four years.

In the hours, days and weeks leading up to the municipal election, tweets, Facebook statuses, websites, commercials and newspaper editorials will fill your head with suggestions on who you should vote for and why. But, as someone who writes one of those columns, let me tell you this: Trust no one.

Instead of waiting for columnists, editorial boards and commercials to tell you who would make the best mayor,

city councillor and school-board trustee, why not make the decision yourself?

While Mayor Nenshi seems like a guaranteed win, why not use the opportunity to ask him and anyone running for city council some tough questions.

(My suggestion would be to ask them on Twitter, where your query is less likely to be vetted by their staff.)

Ask the candidates what the city is doing to prepare for the next flood. Ask them about legalizing secondary suites and what is being done about the next leg of the C-Train.

Ask them questions on issues you are concerned about.

While you're asking the tough questions, why not ask yourself why people like Preston Manning and the Manning Centre seem so eager to involve themselves in our municipal

election?

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So when a candidate comes knocking on your door, ask them about their relationship with the Manning Centre.

Do we really want our city council to be divided between conservatives and liberals? Or, should councillors make decisions based on each individual issue?

Oh, and don't forget about that controversial video that featured a prominent home-building industry executive, painstakingly dissecting each ward, looking for "business-friendly" councillors.

Turns out, there's a lot of wheeling and dealing happen-

ing outside of city hall, too. The video is readily available on YouTube and is worth a watch.

While political leanings in Canadian media don't seem as blatant as they are in the U.S., it doesn't mean that we should be lazy and not do our own research.

I recently read an interview with Kevin Taylor about his campaign in Ward 7.

I wholeheartedly disagreed with Taylor's stance on the \$52-million surplus. But, instead of trusting the typically right-leaning paper's interview, I reached out to Taylor to confirm that he really did want to return the money to taxpayers.

He confirmed what he said in the interview, which means he likely won't receive my vote in October. But that's my decision. Which is really the best part of an election season — it often feels like the only time we actually have a say, so why not say something?

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Artist hopes this plastic has a fantastic message

BYOB. Calgarians encouraged to visit gallery and bring their own plastic bags to donate to local artist's exhibit

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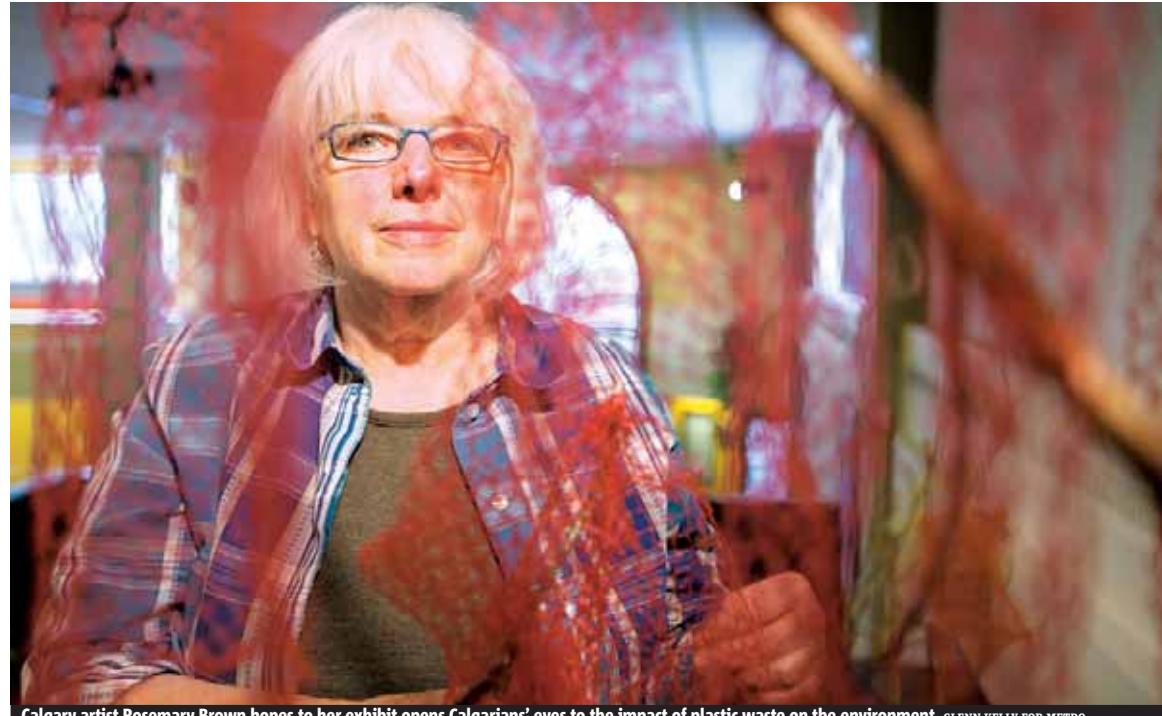
Rosemary Brown stands amongst tangled branches, peeking out from behind as she drapes plastic over them like some sort of rare and elusive bird assembling a nest.

The branches and plastic take on a unique form, all part of the local Calgary artist's newest creation, Plastic Fantastic, which sits on display at the Epcor Center's Ledge Gallery.

For Brown, Plastic Fantastic has been a process that has taken more than two years, when she was first inspired by the idea of plastic and how it can take on beautiful forms yet be so detrimental to the environment.

"It would be hard for us to think of a world without plastic. It's in everything. It's light, it's versatile, it's easily moulded, it's cheaper than other things. That's why it proliferates in our society," says Brown.

"But there are serious consequences for us, and for our



Calgary artist Rosemary Brown hopes to her exhibit opens Calgarians' eyes to the impact of plastic waste on the environment. GLENN KELLY FOR METRO

environment."

The art installation is ongoing and continually growing until Oct. 5, when Brown plans to have filled the entire Ledge Gallery, creating a relative forest of structures.

The art installation has an informative message about the current state of recycling and

the environment, Brown says, one that teaches the public about what needs to happen in order for positive change.

"For me, I think of all of the environmental education that's happened, the three Rs, and yet in the States and in Canada, a very small percentage of plastic bags are actually recycled. That

would be the start: how to encourage people to do more of that and to think further and more deeply about plastic and what we can do about consumption," she said.

Calgarians are encouraged to stop by the gallery and bring their own plastic bags to donate to the exhibit.

Pervasive

"It would be hard for us to think of a world without plastic. It's in everything."

Rosemary Brown

Keys Please. Volunteer allegedly threatened with gun

The volunteer organization whose driver had a gun allegedly shoved in her face overnight said those confrontations are rare.

Calgary police have since apprehended two suspects in connection with an incident near Kensington Road and 10 Street NW around 1 a.m. Thursday morning involving a volunteer for the drinking and driving prevention company Keys Please.

The incident involved one of the suspects in the back seat of a Keys Please vehicle allegedly pulling a gun on a volunteer driver when she refused to turn up the radio.

Keys Please general manager, Ginger Greenwood, admitted that although rare, the confrontation has left both the driver and other members at the company shaken.

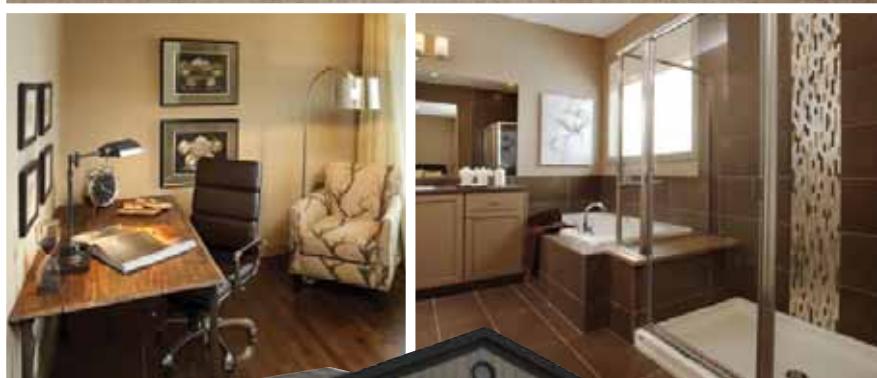
"It is shocking. I mean strange things do happen, but I'm sure we're all wracking our brains to see if there's anything else we can do to make it safer for our drivers," said Greenwood. "We have never had an incident like this in 17 years," she said.

Duty Inspector Jim Stinson confirmed that both suspects were apprehended shortly after the incident and are now in police custody. A shotgun was recovered from the scene.

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Caped crusade kicks off. Annual fundraising campaign wants city's 'real-life superheroes' to raise funds and honour flood volunteers

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's ... the United Way!

Superheroes came to the rescue on Thursday afternoon as part of the annual kickoff to the United Way fundraising campaign. They also wanted to honour the actions of local volunteers during Flood 2013 and to ask for the help of Calgarians in building a better city in its aftermath.

In front of a crowd of more than 1,000 people from the United Way and its affiliates,

CEO Lucy Miller spoke on behalf of the organization, addressing volunteers as "real-life superheroes" and calling on them to fight poverty and homelessness in Calgary and keep the city's youth off the streets.

"Did you know that everyone in this room is a superhero?" Miller asked. "We all have superpowers, even if you didn't know it, and we need you to use your superpowers to help make Calgary a great city for everyone."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi also spoke to the crowd, while donning a red cape.

"Many hundreds of our neighbours are still out of their homes. Many hundreds of others are back in their homes but require a lot of work. Many hundreds of others were living without a lot of financial

A month for heroism

Nenshi declared September "United Way Month" on behalf of city council.

- Last year, Calgarians helped raise more than \$55.2 million for the United Way, setting a fundraising record with the organization.

and social resiliency, and to have a crisis like this and to lose everything has knocked them further down the scale than they're ever dreamed to be," Nenshi said.

"It's our job to make sure that we are lifting them up again and putting them back on the path to achieving their dreams. That power is in all of our hands."

GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO



A caped crusader who was unwilling to give away his secret identity was prepared to fight poverty at the United Way Superhero Parade Thursday as part of its annual fundraising kickoff. GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO

CIFF unspools full list of films for September run



Calgary International Film Festival executive director Steve Schroeder hopes Calgarians see the big picture when the festival opens this month.

GLENN KELLY/FOR METRO

Time to get the popcorn popping.

The Calgary International Film Festival announced its lineup on Thursday, with more than 200 films premiering from 36 countries.

The festival will showcase local features, as well as bring together several collaborations between Canadian and foreign filmmakers.

"This year we're seeing a theme of really strong films

from Alberta, both in the shorts and the features. I think we're also seeing the global nature of the films," said Steve Schroeder, executive director of the CIFF.

"We have films ranging from the most serious art-house movies and subtitled foreign films all the way through to what I like to call big dumb fun, just crazy belly laughs, action, ridiculous good times. We love that spectrum and

everything in between."

The CIFF will also feature a new Audience Choice Award, which will allow attendees to vote for their favourite feature, a festival first.

Schroeder says the new award will help gather attention from the international film community and provide a way for audiences to engage with the filmmakers.

"The audience wants that engagement. Nobody wants

Get it popping

To buy tickets or to check out the full list of all 200 films premiering this year, visit the festival website at calgaryfilm.com.

to be a passive observer, that's why they come to a film festival," Schroeder said.

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Transit. Council poised to expand low-income pass eligibility – again

It appears low-income transit passes will be made available to thousands more Calgarians next year, pending approval from city council Monday.

"There's a bunch of people that this will make a significant difference for," Ald. Brian Pincott said Thursday.

A recommendation to further expand eligibility for the discounted monthly passes was passed by a committee this week with no debate and is now set for approval at the full meeting of council on Sept. 9.

Pincott, who championed the idea last year, has been in Newfoundland all week for a Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference, but said he was pleased to see the move supported at committee.

"I'm absolutely thrilled that it sailed through that way," he said.

If approved at council, the eligibility threshold will

By the numbers

\$1.2M

The city estimates the change will result in \$1.2 million less revenue for Calgary Transit in 2014.

be increased to equal the low-income cutoff (LICO), a measure calculated by Statistics Canada, which is estimated to include 94,300 Calgarians.

The threshold currently stands at 87.5 per cent of LICO, up from 75 per cent in 2011.

Low-income passes cost \$44 per month versus \$94 for a regular pass, and Bonnie Pacaud of the group Fair Fares said the difference is substantial for many people.

"It's significant in terms of buying food, paying bills," she said. "That's a lot of money when you only have a limited amount of money."

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Edmonton. Armed man shuts down LRT system

The LRT ground to a halt Thursday as an armed man travelling with a 22-calibre rifle brought a heavy police response to the system.

Police first received reports of the man at about 4:30 p.m. from the Belgravia-McKernan station and, working with Edmonton Transit, stopped the train at the Churchill LRT station to search the train.

While that search was underway, police say the man was arrested nearby at 95 Street and 103 Avenue. Police Insp. Chad Tawfik said the weapon was not loaded,

a bolt was removed and the man had no ammunition on him, but there was no way for other passengers to know.

"It was in plain view. It wasn't in a bag or anything that was concealing it and that generated a lot of attention," he said.

Tawfik said officers are still determining possible charges, but he stressed firearms have to be transported responsibly.

"If you are going to be transporting firearms, it has to be done according to the law."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO IN EDMONTON



Police cars surround Churchill Station in Edmonton on Thursday afternoon.

ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO IN EDMONTON

Light the Fuse

Calgary to get a dose of Urban life

Country fans have the chance to see Keith Urban in concert next year, after a concert date was set for his latest tour, Light the Fuse.

Urban, who will once again be a judge on the upcoming season of American Idol, will be on a month-long tour with songs from his newest album, Fuse.

Tickets for the Jan. 18 show at the Scotiabank Saddledome go on sale Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. METRO

ASIRT

Edmonton cops cleared in man's jail death

Edmonton police have been cleared in the death of a 34-year old man who died while in a police cell last year.

The man died after a prolonged struggle with police that included being hit with a Taser. The medical examiner ruled the man's death had been caused by excited

delirium associated with presumed illicit drug use.

"These officers were lawfully attempting to restrain a male who was described as possessing super-human strength. I have determined the officers did not cause the death of this affected person in their attempts to control him and therefore, no charges will flow as a result," Cliff Purvis, ASIRT's executive director, said in a media release. METRO

Oilsands

Enviro say Alberta gov't keeping them out of hearing

Environmentalists are arguing that the Alberta government is keeping them out of hearings on an oilsands development in part because of their stand on the industry.

The Oilsands Environmental Coalition has filed court documents about a decision to exclude the coalition from a hearing on a proposed project along the MacKay River in northeastern Alberta. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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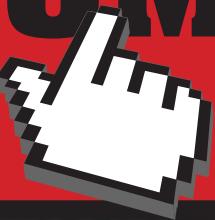


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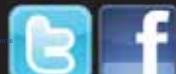
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Woman who wrote on Taliban killed

Home invasion. Indian author had previously escaped Afghanistan and execution in 1995

An Indian woman whose memoir about life under Taliban rule was turned into a Bollywood movie was shot dead Thursday by suspected members of the Islamist militia, officials said.

The killing of Sushmita Banerjee was the latest in a string of attacks on prominent women in Afghanistan, adding to fears that women's rights — in a country where many are barely allowed outside the house — will face

setbacks after U.S.-led foreign forces fully withdraw in 2014.

The militants arrived before dawn at Banerjee's residence in eastern Paktika province, which lies in Afghanistan's east — a region where the Taliban are especially influential.

Her husband, Jaanbaz Khan, answered the door, only to be quickly bound and blindfolded, provincial police chief Gen. Dawlat Khan Zadran said.

The militants then dragged Banerjee outside and shot her at least 15 times, Zadran said.

Banerjee — who was from Kolkata, India — wrote *A Kabuliwala's Bengali Wife*. It later became the basis for the 2003

film *Escape from Taliban*.

The book described how she met Jaanbaz in India and agreed to marry him despite her parents' disapproval and the fact that he was Muslim while she was Hindu.

According to summaries of the book online, Banerjee moved to Afghanistan as Jaanbaz's second wife, only to find that life would become unbearable with the Taliban increasing their hold over the country.

In an interview posted on India's Rediff website, Banerjee described trying to flee Afghanistan multiple times, and how she was ordered executed as a result. She made it back to Kolkata in 1995.

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Taking stock of post-crash damage in U.K.

Just a few of the vehicles involved in a major accident on the Sheppey Bridge Crossing near Sheerness in Kent, south England, on Thursday. The vehicles involved are numbered by emergency services. According to police at the scene, around 100 vehicles were involved in the pile-up on a bridge in heavy fog, leaving at least eight people seriously injured and many with minor injuries. GARETH FULLER/PA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Packaging mix-up

Esme-28 added to birth control recall

The company that removed one of its birth control pills from the market last week due to a packaging error is now recalling a second.

Mylan Pharmaceuticals is recalling Esme-28 after it was unable to rule out the possibility that the product was affected by the same packaging mix-up that occurred with Freya-28. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Porcine police work. Cops hope dead pig will be able to solve disappearances

The RCMP in Saskatchewan is setting out to solve the mystery of where bodies go when people disappear in the North Saskatchewan River.

Mounties have placed a 68-kilogram pig carcass, equipped with a radio tracking device and a temperature gauge, in the river near North Battleford. Police will head out on the water next week to track

the carcass's movement toward Nipawin.

They hope their long-planned experiment will turn up potential patterns of where bodies go when they drift downstream.

Const. Tyler Hadland says several people have presumably gone missing in the river and their bodies have not been found. THE CANADIAN PRESS



In this Oct. 31, 2012, aerial photo, destroyed and damaged homes are left in the wake of Superstorm Sandy in Seaside Heights, N.J. Researchers with the United States and British governments concluded that climate change had made some of 2012's wildest weather events more likely. MIKE GROLL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wild weather linked to climate change

Report. Scientists found some of 2012's wackiest weather moments were more likely due to man-made global warming

ish summer and the U.S. drought last year — simply reflected the random freakiness of weather, researchers with the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the British meteorological office concluded in a report issued on Thursday.

The scientists conducted thousands of runs of different computer simulations that looked at various factors, such as moisture in the air, atmospheric flow and sea temperature.

The approach represents an evolution in the field. Scientists used to say that individual weather events — a specific hurricane or

An inconvenient truth
The 78 international researchers said climate change had made these 2012 events more likely:

- U.S. heat waves, Superstorm Sandy flooding, the changing Arctic sea ice, drought in Europe's Iberian peninsula and extreme rainfall in Australia and New Zealand.

flood, for example — cannot be attributed to climate change.

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Nova Scotia

Pair arrested for stealing bunnies from petting zoo

Two people have been arrested for allegedly stealing a couple of bunnies from a petting zoo in Nova Scotia.

RCMP say the baby rabbits were taken from a pen at Hennigar's Farm Market in Greenwich on Aug. 26.

On Wednesday, the Mounties found the two rabbits dead at an apartment building parking lot.

Police have arrested a 22-year-old man and 19-year-old woman, both from Kentville, N.S.

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Online scam

Men caught in extortion trap

Police say two young Toronto-area men found themselves caught in an extortion trap after exposing themselves online.

Police say a 21-year-old and an 18-year-old, in separate incidents, were convinced to take off their clothes and fondle themselves on a webcam.

After exposing themselves, both were threatened the graphic video would be posted unless a payment of \$690 was made.

Police say an investigation is underway and no arrests have been made.

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Each was numbered

16 human skulls found in Prague, say police

Police in Prague say 15 human skulls have been found in a wooden box found on a street, and another was found in a garbage bin.

Spokeswoman Jana Roesslerova says police found the skulls Thursday morning near a garbage container after they were alerted by a telephone caller. Roesslerova says each skull was numbered.

She says another skull, also bearing a number, was found in a garbage bin Wednesday by a homeless person. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Obama presses world leaders to support strike against Syria

G20 summit. The U.S. president runs into opposition to military action from Russia, China and the European Union

U.S. President Barack Obama pressed fellow world leaders on Thursday to support a U.S.-led strike on Syria, but he ran into opposition from Russia, China and even the EU — which condemned the recent chemical weapons attack in Bashar Assad's country but declared it too soon for military action.

"The use of chemical weapons in Syria is not only a tragedy but also a violation of international law that must be addressed," Obama insisted during a meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the G20 summit, where he mostly made his case behind the scenes.

China's G20 delegation spokesman, Qin Gang, was

among those who countered, saying: "War isn't the fundamental way to solve problems in Syria."

The prospect of military action against Syria overshadowed the global growth agenda at the two-day summit, which opened Thursday in the Russian city of St. Petersburg. Leaders did, however, discuss the crisis during a dinner hosted by Russian President Vladimir Putin, one of the Syrian government's strongest supporters.

While Obama has long called for the ouster of Assad, the chemical weapons attack near Damascus two weeks ago pushed the U.S. to the brink of military action for the first time during Syria's civil war. The U.S. position on Syria has increased tensions with Putin, one of Assad's most important backers. Putin has blocked efforts at the UN to take action and has questioned intelligence reports. U.S. officials say link the chemical weapon deployment to the Syrian leader.

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Russian President Vladimir Putin shakes hands with U.S. President Barack Obama during the G20 summit in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Thursday. The threat of missiles over the Mediterranean is weighing on world leaders on the shores of the Baltic this week, and eclipsing economic battles that usually dominate when the G20 economies meet.

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Chemical warfare?

U.K.: New evidence gas used

U.K. scientists have found new evidence that poison gas was used last month outside the Syrian capital of Damascus, U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron said Thursday.

In an interview with the BBC, Cameron said that the evidence being examined "further shows the use of chemical weapons in that Damascus suburb." The BBC's account of the interview did not make clear whether the tests had determined who was responsible for the chemical strike — a critical question facing world leaders as they gather in Russia to debate a response to the Aug. 21 attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 stories coming out of the summit

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PM Harper takes firm stand on Syria, debt-reduction

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is taking a firm position on two controversial issues at this year's G20 summit, with little hope of achieving a wider consensus with his fellow leaders on either front.

With Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty in tow to hammer home his messages, Harper made it clear that a military strike is necessary against Syria, and that countries should be setting hard targets for reducing their debts, as Canada is now doing.



U.S. to scale back stimulus gradually: Russian official

Russia's finance minister says U.S. President Barack Obama assured G20 leaders that the U.S. will be scaling back its stimulus policy. The prospect of the U.S. Federal Reserve scaling back its policy of quantitative easing has dampened hopes of a global recovery and has already caused weakness in emerging-market currencies.

Anton Siluanov told reporters that in response to other world leaders' concerns, Obama said that the U.S. will be withdrawing stimulus "gradually."



Tax offensive sets sights on Google, Amazon

Russia's finance minister says that G20 leaders have agreed on a plan to take on multinational companies who tuck away their profits in offshore jurisdictions.

Speaking after Thursday's first G20 session, Anton Siluanov said that leaders are indignant over the policies of cross-border giants like Google and Amazon, who "make money in one country" but pay lower taxes elsewhere. The G20 leaders agreed on a plan that would prevent these companies from using loopholes and tax havens, Siluanov said.



Human-rights activists stage individual protests at G20

Spaced out along St. Petersburg's main thoroughfare, about a dozen activists staged protests to attract the attention of leaders of the world's biggest economies to human-rights violations in Russia.

Activist Iosip Skakovskiy said they held individual protests because mass protests are often banned or disrupted by police.

Activist Natalya Tsymbalova was protesting "discrimination of sexual minorities, falsification of elections, pressure on NGOs, violation of the freedom of public assembly."

Puppy love used to treat soldiers' PTSD

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Fundraiser aims to expand access to companion dogs for soldiers with PTSD

Warrant Officer Jocelyn (Butch) Boucher had one of those stressful, unenviable jobs that always seem to fall to senior non-commissioned officers in the military.

An air force intelligence and research analyst, it was Boucher's responsibility in the fall of 2008 to anticipate for the commander of HMCS Ville de Quebec what Somali pirates were up to in the Gulf of Aden.

It was a mission with lethal potential, one that the frigate and her crew of some 225 had not anticipated — nor had they established a network of intelligence contacts necessary to operate in those perilous waters, where freighters were being hijacked almost daily.

There were moments, Boucher says, when you never knew what was going to happen next.

Boucher was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress following the deployment, and now awaits word on whether a medical discharge will end his military career

Healing Spirit

"Since Spirit has joined us, joined my family, she is an ice-breaker, the one that allows me to open up and talk about these events that have happened in my life."

Warrant Officer Jocelyn Boucher, on how his dog Spirit has helped with PTSD recovery

of more than three decades.

He's one of the thousands of veterans whose "heart and soul have not come home" from the conflicts the country sent them to, said Philip Ralph, a Canadian Forces Baptist minister and member of Wounded Warriors Canada.

The charity kicked off a planned 2014 cycling fundraiser Thursday with a pledge to put the proceeds toward expanding programs that help veterans access service dogs for therapy.

A growing body of research, mostly in the United States, has shown how soldiers with post-traumatic stress bond with the dogs, and ease their anxiety.

Boucher, who has his own dog Spirit, says acceptance of the therapy needs to be more widespread.

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Pawtry politics. Mayor Stubbs not feline so great after attack

The honorary mayor of a tiny Alaska town is noticeably absent this week, when he should be hanging out at the general store or sipping his water-catnip concoctions from a wine glass at the pub next door.

Instead, Stubbs the cat is sedated and under veterinary care after he was badly injured in a vicious dog attack in Talkeetna, a quirky community of 900 that elected him in a write-in campaign 15 years ago. Talkeetna has no human mayor, so you could say 16-year-old Stubbs is the reigning leader.

"He's everybody's guy," said Stubbs' owner, Lauri Stec, who manages Nagley's General Store, where the orangey-beige cat lives and mingles with lo-



Get meowata here, I have a town to run. COURTESY LAURI STEC

cals and tourists alike. Saturday's attack by the loose dog left Stubbs with a punctured lung, bruised hips, a long deep gash on his side and a sternum fractured to the point it might need to be repaired with a plate. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sniffed out. 100 cats found, removed from Ontario home

Officials at the Oakville and Milton Humane Society in Ontario say they are removing more than 100 cats from a home in Milton.

The humane society says it was alerted to the home by an anonymous tip on Thursday.

Spokeswoman Brenda Dushko says the seizure is putting a big strain on the humane society's resources because they already have about 300 cats at their shelter.

Dushko says they are arranging to have a trailer delivered to the site to house

Scratching their heads

The Humane Society is overwhelmed with the sudden cat influx at the shelter.

- A spokeswoman says they are looking at using local boarding facilities, veterinary clinics and foster homes to help.

the cats because there wouldn't be enough room in the shelter.

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Strong and sensitive

Members of the New York National Guard are reunited Wednesday in Port Jefferson Station, N.Y., with eight mixed-breed dogs that they found while on patrol in Afghanistan earlier this year. A 65-pound dog named Sheba was "adopted" by the team of soldiers earlier this year. When Sheba had a litter of puppies in March, the soldiers helped Sheba nurse them to health. A New York organization raised funds to have the dogs sent to the United States, where they will be adopted by the soldiers.

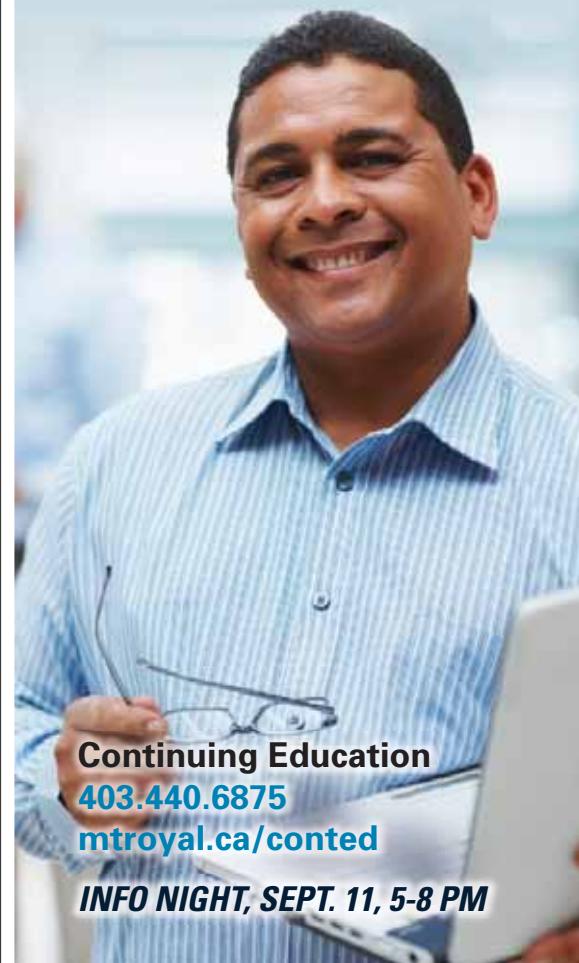
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Jared Perry, president of the Saint Mary's University Student Association, speaks with the media at the Gorsebrook Lounge in Halifax on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

'Humans are above dogs'

The mayor of the Romanian capital says there will be a referendum on whether thousands of stray dogs should be euthanized after a four-year-old boy was killed by a stray this week.

Sorin Oprescu said Thursday that the date for the ref-

erendum will be decided on Friday.

President Traian Basescu called on the government on Tuesday to pass a law that would allow for stray dogs to be killed, saying "humans are above dogs."

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Dog bites

According to animal-welfare authorities, some 1,100 people were bitten by stray dogs in Bucharest in the first four months of 2013.

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80 students handed sensitivity training for pro-rape chant

Halifax. Chant has been taught to first-years at Saint Mary's University for years

 **RUTH DAVENPORT**
Metro in Halifax

The president of the Saint Mary's University Student Association says he knew about and participated in a chant glorifying the rape of underage girls — but will not step down.

"We want to be some serious advocates about sexual assault and we want to turn this around and educate more students," said Jared Perry during a news conference in Halifax Thursday.

Eighty student leaders and three SMUSA executive mem-

bers will undergo sensitivity training after a video surfaced of them leading hundreds of first-year students in the chant, which spells out the word "young" with lines like, "U is for underage, N is for no consent."

Perry said the chant has been taught to frosh for years. He said he and the other leaders just didn't think about the message.

"It's more about the rhyme and the chant behind it," he said. "As odd as it sounds, we didn't see the message.... We now realize that it's extremely serious and we don't want it to happen any more."

Perry has resigned as chair of the Students Nova Scotia group, but will not give up the office of SMUSA president.

"It's definitely the biggest mistake I've made throughout my university career and

Opportunity for change?

"I feel that there's an opportunity here to make some changes and I really do want to turn this around."

Jared Perry, president of the Saint Mary's University Student Association

probably my life," he said.

Saint Mary's president Dr. Colin Dodds called the chant "completely inexcusable."

"My colleagues and I were shocked by this incident and are deeply sorry that our students, and now the community at large, were exposed to disturbing sexually charged material," he said in a statement. "I am taking measures to ensure it does not happen in the future."

Thursday.

After George Zimmerman was released on bail, she said the couple spent nights in a 20-foot trailer in the woods.

Her husband wasn't in court with her last week as she was sentenced to a year's probation and 100 hours of community service.

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Crime

Abuse charges against Mennonites justified: FS boss

The CEO of Manitoba's general family services authority says social workers were justified in removing dozens of children from an old-order Mennonite community and he doesn't know when — or if — they will all be able to return home.

Jay Rodgers says the case is unique in Canada, but he has no doubt the children were seized from their parents for good reason. Up to 40 children from the orthodox community were taken early this year after 13 people from the community were charged with child abuse.

"I don't have any concerns that the action that was taken was not justified," Rodgers said Thursday, a day after parents of 18 of the children appeared in court to try to regain custody.

"As this process has unfolded, there is lots that we have to learn about their culture. That's true. But it was not a cultural misunderstanding, I don't believe, that led to the actions."

In July, RCMP said they had arrested 13 people on assault charges that included allegations that the children were struck with cattle prods, whips and leather straps. The alleged abuse is said to have taken place between June 2011 and January of this year.

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It's corny, but it's how he maze his living

This 2013 photo provided by the Idle-Hour Ranch shows their African safari-themed corn maze made by Maize Quest in Troy, Ohio. Timothy Day, inset, stops in a Fuquay-Varina, N.C., cornfield to check his computer on Aug. 24. The Virginia man travels the country for Maize Quest, using GPS equipment to cut out elaborate mazes for the fall tourist season. IDLE-HOUR RANCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; INSET: ALLEN G. BREED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Grounds for discussion.

Open-expense movement hits the Hill

Sen. Doug Black says he's already getting questions about his \$179.99 office coffee-maker.

But the freshly appointed, elected Conservative senator from Alberta says public reaction to his online posting of itemized, taxpayer-funded expenses has been "overwhelmingly" positive — and "a ton of work."

The Senate expense scandal that continues to rock the Conservative government has

prompted a common understanding on Parliament Hill that the reporting of MP and senator expenses requires much greater transparency, timeliness and vigour.

Amid much partisan jockeying over reforms, it is two Conservative senators who are leading the way by example.

Bob Runciman, a former Ontario cabinet minister, announced this week he'll join trailblazer Black in the upper chamber by posting itemized expenses online every three months.

Runciman says he's trying to "help Doug out in encouraging others to follow the lead."

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Justin case

Serious expense problems among three one-time Conservative senators appointed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and one former Liberal have consumed Ottawa for months.

- As the fall political season gears up, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau is making hay by promising his MPs will unilaterally start posting their expenses in the same fashion demanded of cabinet ministers since 2005.

Green dreams? Pot bill in Puerto Rico up for discussion in legislature

Legislators in Puerto Rico are preparing to debate a bill that would allow people to use marijuana for medicinal purposes in this conservative U.S. territory, officials said Thursday.

The measure would create a system to legally produce the substance and allow state health officials to regulate it, said Rep. Jose Baez, one of the bill's two authors.

It calls for a classification of medical conditions and requirements that would allow patients to smoke marijuana

in their homes. Conditions would range from cancer to glaucoma to anxiety.

The measure also would allow the island's health department to award special permits to patients to grow their own pot if they couldn't afford to buy it at an authorized clinic or if they lived too far from the clinics.

"Treating this strictly as something that should be punished has clearly not worked," said Rep. Carlos Vargas, the bill's other author.

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Human-trafficking case. Accused woman said she was bringing in caregiver

A British Columbia woman accused of human trafficking told immigration officials she was bringing her Tanzanian caregiver to Canada because she needed her help during a two-month visit, the woman's trial heard Thursday.

In a letter submitted with the woman's application for a visitor's visa, Mumtaz Ladha said she suffered from vertigo and osteo-arthritis, and needed to bring her longtime employee.

The application submitted to the Canadian embassy in



Mumtaz Ladha

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Dar es-Salaam said the single, 23-year-old mother of one would be staying with her and would be supported by her for the duration of the visit.

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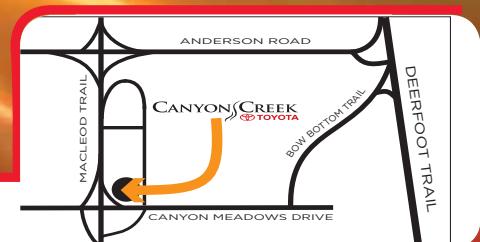


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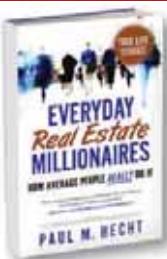
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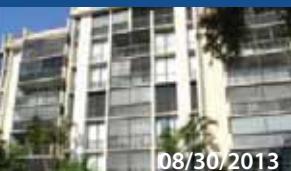
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Indonesia. Protesters target Miss World pageant with chants, banners

Indonesian Muslim hardliners resumed protests Thursday against the Miss World pageant, as organizers insisted that the event would go on as scheduled this weekend on the resort island of Bali.

In Jakarta, the capital, about 1,000 members of the Islamic group Hizbut Tahrir Indonesia rallied outside the building housing the local organizer of the contest.

Chanting "Allah akbar," or "God is great," the protesters, mostly women, waved banners reading "Reject Miss World."

Protests were also held in the Sumatran cities of Medan and Pekanbaru, and in Makassar in Sulawesi. Protesters gathered at local council buildings and called on the government to revoke the permit for the contest.

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Muslim women in Jakarta, Indonesia, chant slogans during a protest on Thursday demanding the cancellation of the Miss World pageant that will be held in Bali and Sentul, West Java, later this month. DITA ALANGKARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Lawmaker detained in S. Korea for treason plot

Lee Seok-ki. Denied immunity from arrest, legislator detained over alleged anti-government plot

South Korea's spy agency on Thursday arrested a leftist lawmaker accused of plotting a pro-North Korean rebellion in a case that has triggered a political and media firestorm in a nation where even praising the North can be considered a crime.

Quoted

"South Korea's democracy is dying, and our country is becoming the republic of the National Intelligence Service."

Arrested lawmaker Lee Seok-ki

"It's a fabrication by the National Intelligence Service," Lee Seok-ki shouted at a police station in Suwon, a city just south of Seoul, before being driven to a detention facility.

South Korean lawmakers voted Wednesday to lift Lee's legislative immunity against arrest. It was the legislature's first passage of such a motion over rebellion charges.

Lee, a first-time lawmaker from the small United Progressive Party, has long been hounded by claims he supports North Korea. He is accused by the spy agency of holding a secret meeting in May of about 130 party members and discussing strikes on crucial South Korean infrastructure targets should war break out between the Koreas. He allegedly believed that high tensions between the two countries this past spring could lead to war.

Lee has denied the allegations, accusing the spy



South Korean lawmaker Lee Seok-ki, right, shouts as he is surrounded by police officers and reporters after being arrested at the Suwon police station in Suwon, south of Seoul, South Korea, Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

service of staging a communist "witch hunt" to divert criticism of illegal online campaigning it allegedly conducted ahead of last December's presidential election. Critics say Lee had little to back up the alleged plot, and note that past military-backed governments

frequently used rebellion charges to suppress political critics.

The spy agency can investigate Lee for up to 10 days before handing him over to prosecutors, according to Suwon District Court spokesman Lee Jung-won.

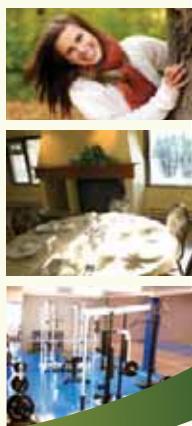
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Court decision. Terror suspect's unrelated crimes pardon revoked

The lawyer for a man charged in an alleged plot to attack a VIA Rail train says it's "absurd" for the parole board to revoke a pardon it once granted to the man for unrelated crimes when the new charges have not been proven in court.

Raed Jaser, 35, was granted the pardon in 2009 for uttering threats and fraud convictions from when he was a young man, his lawyer, John Norris, said Thursday.

Federal Court documents show that the Parole Board

of Canada decided to revoke Jaser's pardon in July, months after he was charged with three terror offences in the alleged VIA plot.

Norris is asking the Federal Court to overturn the decision.

"It was completely wrong of them legally to reach this conclusion at this stage of the process where these are nothing but allegations," Norris said.

Jaser and Chiheb Esseghaier were arrested in April.

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NASA

Back to the moon

NASA is headed back to the moon, this time to explore its thin atmosphere and rough dust.

The robotic spacecraft LADEE will fly to the moon by way of Virginia's Eastern Shore. Liftoff is set for late

Friday night from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility.

LADEE — short for Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer — will be the first spacecraft to be launched into outer space from Wallops. And it will be the first moonshot ever from Virginia in 54 years of lunar missions.

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Egypt's interior minister escapes bomb attack

Assassination attempt.

It's the first attack on a senior government official since a coup toppled the country's Islamist president

Egypt's interior minister narrowly escaped an assassination attempt Thursday when a suspected car bomb tore through his convoy, wounding 22 people and leaving a major Cairo boulevard strewn with debris — the first such attack since the military ousted the Islamist president.

Thursday's bombing against Mohammed Ibrahim was a substantial escalation in the confrontation between the new leadership and Islamists.

It also hiked fears of a militant campaign of revenge for the coup and raised the likelihood of an even tougher hand by authorities against protest



An Egyptian security officer stands guard at the scene of a bomb attack targeting the convoy of Egypt's Interior Minister Mohammed Ibrahim, in Nasr City, Cairo, on Thursday. KHALIL HAMRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ers demanding Mohammed Morsi's return to office.

Interim President Adly Mansour's office vowed in a statement that it would "not allow the terrorism that the Egyptian people crushed in the 1980s and '90s to raise its ugly head again." Military leader

Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, the man who ousted Morsi, vowed to continue the fight against terrorism.

The attack is likely to further isolate the Islamists. Liberal politician Amr Moussa quickly called on the ousted president's backers to take

a clear position against the bombing.

"When lives of innocents are targeted, those who support that or justify it will not be accepted among us," Moussa, who sits on a newly appointed constitutional panel, said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Blaze caused by hunter: Forest Service

Yosemite National Park. Giant wildfire has so far cost \$81 million to fight

A gigantic wildfire in and around Yosemite National Park was caused by an illegal fire set by a hunter, the U.S. Forest Service said Thursday.

The agency said there is no indication the hunter was involved with illegal marijuana cultivation, which a local fire chief had speculated as the possible cause of the blaze.

No arrests have been made, and the hunter's name was being withheld pending further investigation, according to the Forest Service. The only legal hunt-

ing allowed at the time the fire started Aug. 17 was archery for bear and deer.

A Forest Service statement gave no details on how the illegal fire in a remote canyon of the Stanislaus National Forest had escaped the hunter's control.

Because of high fire danger across the region, the Forest Service had banned fires outside of developed

camping areas more than a week before the fire started.

The Rim Fire has burned nearly 961 square kilometres — one of the largest wildfires in California history and has cost \$81 million to fight.

In some cases, people who have started wildfires in California have been sued to pay for the costs and damages. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Fire crew members stand watch near a controlled burn operation as they release a very pistol as they fight the Rim Fire near Yosemite National Park in California Monday. MIKE MCMILLAN/U.S. FOREST SERVICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crikey, it's a croc! Reptiles seized from Ottawa-area home

A Gatineau, Que., man may be facing bylaw charges after 14 reptiles, including several exotic varieties, were discovered by Gatineau police as they executed a search warrant at his home Thursday, following complaints from neighbours.

"Spectacled caimans do get big enough to cause very, very serious injuries," said Matthew Korhonen, curator of Little Ray's Reptile Zoo in Ottawa's south end, which has taken in the haul of animals, which included a spectacled caiman crocodile, which can grow to eight feet long and weigh in at 70 to 100 pounds.

Police searched the home Thursday after animal-control

officers were denied entry by a man who was later seen leaving the home with a large snake, police said. Once inside, they found the spectacled caiman, three boa constrictors, a 91-inch-long Burmese python, five non-venomous snakes roaming the apartment, an iguana, a bearded dragon and a snapping turtle.

The man potentially faces charges under local bylaws for possession of non-venomous reptiles that could pose a danger, possession of exotic reptiles not contained in a terrarium and possession of a pit bull without a licence. The dog has been handed over to the SPCA.

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A spectacled caiman, one of 14 animals seized from a home in Gatineau by police after neighbours complained to authorities. **CONTRIBUTED**

One per cent increase

Kids smoking e-cigarettes: Survey

Children — like adults — are increasingly trying electronic cigarettes, according to the first large national study to gauge use by middle and high-school students.

About two per cent of the students said they'd used an e-cigarette in the previous month, according to a survey done last year. That was up from one per cent in 2011.

More kids still smoke

traditional cigarettes than the new electronic ones, and it's not clear how dangerous e-cigarettes are.

Some e-cigarette makers said Thursday that they support regulations to keep them out of kids' hands. But some are wary of steps that might affect adult buyers.

Future regulations shouldn't "stifle what may be the most significant harm reduction opportunity that has ever been made available to smokers," Murray Kessler, chief executive of Lorillard Inc., owner of Blu Ecigs, said in a statement. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Privacy. Google seeks to dismiss Gmail lawsuit



In this photo illustration, the Google logo is reflected in the eye of a girl. The tech giant's practice of scanning Gmail messages is the subject of a lawsuit in the U.S. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: CHRIS JACKSON/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Google's attorneys say their long-running practice of electronically scanning the contents of people's Gmail accounts to help sell ads is legal, and are asking a U.S. federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit that seeks to stop the practice.

In court records filed in advance of a federal hearing Thursday in San Jose, Calif., Google argues that "all users of email must necessarily expect that their emails will be subject to automated processing."

The class-action lawsuit, filed in May, says Google "unlawfully opens up, reads, and acquires the content of people's private email messages" in violation of California's privacy laws and federal wiretapping statutes.

The lawsuit notes that the company even scans messages sent to any of the 425 million active Gmail users from non-Gmail users who never agreed to the company's terms.

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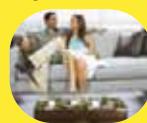
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Yahoo unveils first major logo revamp

Branding. Whimsical purple emblem hasn't been changed for most of firm's 18-year history

Yahoo has adopted a new logo for the first time since shortly after the Internet company's founding 18 years ago.

The redesigned look is part of a makeover that Yahoo Inc. has been undergoing since the Sunnyvale, Calif., company hired Google executive Marissa Mayer to become Yahoo's CEO 14 months ago.

Mayer has already spruced up Yahoo's front page, email and Flickr photo-sharing service, as well as engineered a series of acquisitions aimed at attracting more traffic on mobile devices. The shopping spree has been highlighted by Yahoo's \$1.1-billion US purchase of Tumblr, an Internet blogging service where the company rolled out its new

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Still purple, still effusive, but slightly more grown up? Yahoo's new logo, two versions of which are shown here, is part of a makeover that has been underway since Marissa Mayer joined the firm. COURTESY YAHOO INC.

logo.

"We wanted a logo that stayed true to our roots (whimsical, purple, with an exclamation point) yet embraced the evolution of our products," a statement on the website says.

The revision is the first time that Yahoo has made a significant change to its logo since a few tweaks shortly after co-founders Jerry Yang and David Filo incorporated the company in 1995.

Mayer's overhaul of Yahoo

Taking stock
80%

Yahoo's stock has climbed by nearly 80 per cent, but most of that gain has been driven by the company's 24 per cent stake in China's Alibaba Holdings Group.

has attracted a lot of attention, but so far it hasn't provided a significant lift to the company's revenue. Yahoo depends on web advertising to make most of its money, an area where the company's growth has been anemic while more marketing dollars flow to rivals such as Google and Facebook.

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Employment

Older workers taking part-time jobs away from teenage students

A new report suggests that a growing number of older workers are taking on part-time jobs, which in turn is pushing up the unemployment rate among teenaged students.

The CIBC World Markets report says the unemployment rate for students aged 15 to 18 who are seeking part-time work has climbed to a record high of more than 20 per cent in Canada.

The report also notes that employment among those in the 15-18 age group has fallen by 22 per cent since 2007, even though the overall population in that age group has declined by only four per cent.

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Mobile payments. PayPal meets brick-and-mortar

PayPal is updating its mobile app, adding features such as the ability to place an order ahead of time and pay with it while at the restaurant table.

The move comes as eBay Inc.'s subsidiary works to expand beyond processing payments for online purchases. It's been trying to service trans-

actions at brick-and-mortar stores as the two worlds continue to meld.

The free app is available for iPhones and Android phones. It includes a feature called Shop. With it, people can find nearby stores and restaurants that take PayPal payments. They can also use their phones

to pay for things.

Forrester Research analyst Denee Carrington called the update the next step in mobile payments, though she noted that some features — such as the ability to use PayPal to pay the cheque at a restaurant — could take people some time to get used to.

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IF IT'S NOT ONLINE, DID IT HAPPEN?

1 Upworthy. One of my favourite sites is upworthy.com, which posts highly shareable, inspirational, meaningful videos about how people can change the world—from issues like child poverty to body image to climate change. As their @Upworthy Twitter bio simply puts it, "Things that matter. Pass 'em on." So check it out and spread the word.

2 Rob Delaney. Comedian @RobDelaney tweets 2 gems. Here's a sample: "Bad news: Doctors can't figure out my wife is constantly sneezing blood everywhere. Good news: That hair gel I like is on sale at CVS." He has a new book, Rob Delaney, about his life (sobriety, depression and happy things) coming out in November. He has no filter, he is a survivor, he is hilarious. Follow him and buy his book.

3 We Day. This inspiring day from Free the Children and Me to We about empowering youth on social issues takes place in cities throughout Canada. There's an event on Sept. 20 in Toronto. The star power involved includes Demi Lovato, the Jonas Brothers, Martin Luther King III, Serena Ryder and Col. Chris Hadfield. There is also a Vancouver event Oct. 18. The overriding message: Be engaged, be the change. Anyone can make a difference.



THE METRO LIST

Neil Morton

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4 The Social. This topical Canadian news show debuted this week on CTV and its approach to social media is bang on. The show connects to viewers via real time tweeting @TheSocialCTV. Many of the show's topics and discussions arise there, and the hosts read tweets in real time from viewers. Great use of social media to fuel a show and engage with an audience.

5 @KirstineStewart. She is the head of Twitter Canada (former CBC exec) and as such is an active tweeter, tweeting and RT'ing interesting tidbits showing how people are leveraging the power of Twitter in the business, media and pop-culture worlds. Unfortunately, as her Twitter bio says, she doesn't "know how to get you 'verified'...." I just sucked up for no reason.

6 Milos Raonic. Monday night, TSN2 carried a terrific five-set match between Canada's Milos Raonic and Richard Gasquet at the U.S. Open. What made the coverage extra special was that it was commentary-free. Surreal but beautiful in letting the players and sounds of the fans dictate the drama. The lesson: Sports announcers need to dial it down in close matches. Let the action speak.

7 Oh, Canada. Naomi Harris, a Canadian photographer based in New York, released a stunning series of portrait photographs she captured during a five-month cross-Canada journey. From cricket players in Stanley Park, B.C., to a Sioux Valley Pow Wow in Sioux Valley, Man., to a Demolition Derby in Weyburn, Sask., check out the beautiful pics of our country's diverse culture at naomiharris.com.

8 Critter bites Mike Fisher. Carrie Underwood posted videos on Vine of her NHL-player hubby picking up a chipmunk with his bare hand after it sneaked into their home, and then the bite marks it left on him. This is proof celebs really are just like us. Well, maybe not. We'd use a bucket and gloves.

9 WatchABC.com. The future of TV is online. Three ABC comedies — The Goldbergs, Trophy Wife and Back in the Game — will debut on WatchABC.com (from Sept. 3 to 17) before they hit TV screens.

10 Twitter etiquette. I always find it amusing when someone complains about what you're tweeting about. Comedian @rickygervais summed it up best this week when he tweeted, "Following someone on Twitter & complaining about their tweets is like secretly stalking someone & telling them they're going the wrong way."

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ZOOM

He should have hedged his bets



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Animal vows never to play badminton again

This prickly mess was the result of a hedgehog becoming tangled in a badminton net in a British garden. The tangle blocked the mammal's spines and mouth. Luckily, the animal was rescued. METRO

Hedgehog facts

Get to know the neighbour in your garden.

- Spines.** Adults have between 5,000 to 7,000 quills on their back and tail.
- Family.** A cousin of the shrew but unrelated to similar-looking porcupines.

Advice

"This serves as a reminder for people who use garden sports sets to ensure they are safely removed and stored. Had we not been called the hedgehog would not have survived."

Dudley Clements
Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)

Prickly number

40

The percentage by which the hedgehog population is estimated to have shrunk this century in Britain, leading to fears of extinction. Actions such as Hedgehog Awareness Week have been launched in the hope of reversing this trend.



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Summer's winding down and that means summer holidays are grinding to a halt too. If you didn't get out of town as much as you hoped, the Interwebs are here to quench that travel thirst. In lieu of hitting the Trans-Canada in that VW van, we bring you Instagram accounts from across Canada (so you can get a peek and see where you want to hit next summer).



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@Othellonine:
They don't call it "beautiful B.C." for nothing. Scott Rankin makes Vancouver look kind of like paradise (or at least like Canada's real ocean playground).

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Predictably, the province's tourism

getup is pushing out pics of the province; unpredictably, they're actually really great.

@visitnovascotia:
From pics of beaches and bridges to lighthouses and lakes, Nova Scotia's tourism account shows the best of the province (though please pardon some of the cliché imagery).

Letters

an environmental technologist.

My parents never "sling or spitballed" any teacher because of their insinuated lack of education. As a matter of fact, they've worked their way up from youth to franchise a store, and now they are paying for my education, because they know and respect teachers and education.

I find it ironic that he's speaking out against labelling, or other forms of pre-judgment, however, he is critiquing my profession of ten years, my parents' livelihood and the reason I'm debt free after a honorary psychology degree and going to become

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Synopsis

In Vin Diesel's fourth outing as the mercenary-turned-enforcer, he has been double-crossed and left for dead. "I don't know how many times I've been crossed off the list," he mumbles in a voice-over, "but this ain't nothing new." He spends his days battling aliens until not one, but two teams of bounty hunters land on the planet. The first team, lead by Santana (Jordi Mollà) wants Riddick dead so they can collect the ransom. The other team, headed by Boss Johns (Matt Nable) wants him alive for questioning. As the bounty hunters bang heads, Riddick plans a wild scheme of vengeance and escape from this desolate planet.

- Richard: • • • •
- Mark: • • • •

Reel Guys

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Riddick is heavy on the filters and crazy creatures, but light on entertainment. CONTRIBUTED

Just plain Riddickulous

Riddick. Tawdry graphics, cheesy dialogue and gratuitous nudity doesn't even make this film campy fun

Richard: Mark, Riddick should have been titled Riddickulous. With its cheap effects, cheesy dialogue, gratuitous nudity and testosterone-laced characters, it might provide midnight movie-style nostalgia for anyone who grew up on direct-to-video sci-fi flicks in the 1980s. Anyone else might want to go back to the original movie in this series, Pitch Black, and

enjoy a movie that actually kinda makes sense. This is the rare movie that is actually better when the star isn't in it. What did you think?

Mark: The movie has a look, I have to admit, and it kept me connected to the film for the first 40 minutes. The director has never met a filter he didn't like. But Vin Diesel didn't bother me as much as the movie itself. It's so grim and ugly it's hard to watch. And after the first 40, kind of boring, which is unforgivable.

RC: I agree with you about the stark look of the film. There's no eye candy, although some of the creatures are pretty cool, but

I'm on the opposite page regarding Diesel's solo act for the first 40 minutes. I didn't think this movie worked at all until he gave up the Survivorman act and the bounty hunters showed up. Then, for my money, it became a typical bad movie instead of a surreally bad film.

MB: And didn't that part of the film feel to you like a video game right down to the tawdry graphics? And if it's silly you're looking for, I'm glad to see that women in outer space are still wearing eyeliner.

RC: You want silly? How about fending off a vicious dog-creature by starting an impromptu game of fetch?

Or maybe using words like "jamoke" in the far distant future. If the movie had embraced its silliness instead of taking itself so seriously in all the wrong ways, I might have enjoyed it more!

MB: I might have enjoyed it more if it were a completely different movie. I like Diesel in his Fast and Furious franchise, so maybe this flick needed some car races to soup it up. As I watched it, I gave it some grudging admiration for the purity of its grim vision. Then there's an eleventh hour act of gratuitous kindness that makes no sense at all and ruins what little the film has going for it.

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WEEKEND, September 6-8, 2013**Drinking Buddies**

Director: Joe Swanberg

Stars: Olivia Wilde, Jake Johnson

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Mumblecore stalwart Joe Swanberg trades up actor-wise in Drinking Buddies, which sees the lesser lights of his previous movies replaced by big-wattage actors like Olivia Wilde, Anna Kendrick and Jake Johnson. This story of two couples who disband and tentatively shift romantic partnerships following a tense weekend at the cottage has more wit and shape than Swanberg's previous films, but it's also surprisingly conventional: a crossover move from a director who has made his name by staying safely tucked within a low-budget niche.

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Brian De Palma's latest pulpy thriller, *Passion*, pits Rachel McAdams and Noomi Rapace against each other as ad agency colleagues who are out for blood after McAdams takes credit for Rapace's idea for an ad. There's a lot of craziness going on in the film, including more than a little intimacy between its female leads — and none of that was De Palma's idea, he insists.

Rachel McAdams and Noomi Rapace both get the chance to really hit the crazy button in this.

That's right. I mean, it's like with Rachel — that phone call. When she gets the phone call about the guy who can-



Passion pits Noomi Rapace and Rachel McAdams against each other in an ad agency. It opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

cel the date, she heaved the phone (across the room). I forget which take that was. Wow! Unbelievable. And then she picks up the phone and figures out whatever she's going to do next. She calls up an old lover and, "You want to come over?"

There is a lot of, shall we say, fluid female sexuality in this film.

I just let the girls go with the scene and just sat back to see what would happen. The way that Dani (played by Karoline Herfurth) offered herself to Isabelle (played by Rapace) —

"Kiss me!" — and then starts to undress her! All the girls, all their intimate stuff, was all improvised. They just play it. They make it as real as possible. If something's not working, we try something else, but they were all fantastic, and it was just fascinating to

watch them.

Rachel McAdams' character feels a lot like a grown-up version of her character from *Mean Girls*. Had you seen that film already?

Of course. Oh, I knew Rachel could play it. I'd seen her play it before. Playing a dark, manipulative lady is a hell of a lot of fun, and she had a lot of fun doing it.

You use a split-screen during a pivotal scene in the film. How have the reactions been to that?

It seems to work. Everybody seems to talk about it a lot. It's not like I just have a paint box of things I want to stick in my movies. I look at the scene, and I think, "What's the best way to shoot this?" Also, I've never done a murder where you have a split-screen, and you have these two fantastically beautiful women on each side, and then suddenly a knife slashes somebody's throat and you see somebody with a mask splattered with blood. I'd never done it before.

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Cabaret. Michelle Williams to take on iconic Liza Minnelli role

Michelle Williams will make her Broadway debut next year in a role best known by Liza Minnelli — fishnet-and-bowler-hat-wearing chanteuse Sally Bowles in Cabaret.

The Roundabout Theatre Company confirmed Wednesday that the former Dawson's Creek and Brokeback Mountain star will join Alan Cumming in the revival. Williams takes over after Emma Stone withdraws due to scheduling conflicts.

Previews will begin March 21 with an opening set for April 24 at the Roundabout Studio 54 theatre on Broadway, the last home of the show, which ran for more than 2,000 performances from 1998 to 2004. It won the Tony Award in 1998 for best musical revival. Cumming, who will be reprising his 1998 turn as Master of Ceremonies, recently ended a one-man Macbeth. Also reprising their parts from the 1998 production: Sam Mendes and Rob Marshall, who will direct. Marshall will also choreograph this time as well.

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Michelle Williams.
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The plot

Set in 1931 Berlin, Cabaret centres on the world of the indulgent Kit Kat Klub as it becomes intertwined with the world outside, which gets more precarious on the brink of the Second World War. The songs by John Kander and Fred Ebb include Willkommen and Tomorrow Belongs to Me.

Mumblecore methods work well with booze

 **NED EHRBAR**
Metro World News in Hollywood

For some actors, director Joe Swanberg's mostly improvised method can be daunting, but others — like his Drinking Buddies cast of Olivia Wilde, Ron Livingston, Anna Kendrick and Jake Johnson — find it exhilarating. Swanberg gives us some insight into his writing and editing process and his stringent "no yelling" policy for himself on set.

How much of this was improvised and how much did you plot out?

The plot was pretty heavily figured out before we shot anything. The size of the movie and the infrastructure involved meant that we had to schedule it, we had to lock down locations. We had to know what the story was going to be and even what the scenes were going to be in a vague way. Being my own editor allows me to be



Joe Swanberg GETTY IMAGES

a little more open as a director. Editing becomes a lot of the writing process.

How do you go about pitching this sort of process to actors?

It's a very conversational pitch. I talk about where the themes came from, how I relate to the story, what I'm pulling from my own life and I feel like that's a nice lead-in to discussing how their own stories can enter into the picture. The goal ultimately

is to have it be a kind of collaborative performing and writing process, so I'm looking for people who are open to sharing and talking about those kinds of things — relationship things.

Did you find some actors just didn't quite go for that?

Sure. I met a lot of great actors, people whose work I admire, who just either weren't excited by the improv process or for one reason or another thematically this wasn't a story they were interested in telling right now. I mean, there's a lot of reasons why somebody would or wouldn't want to do this movie, but I think people were all curious.

Do you think being an actor helped with that conversation?

A little bit, maybe. Hopefully it helps me as a director. I certainly feel like it makes me a better communicator and it makes me more empathetic to that experience.

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MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Films to see as the leaves start to fall

Ender's Game (Nov. 1)

What: Orson Scott Card's classic 1985 novel about kids (Asa Butterfield and Hailee Steinfeld) trained for military battle against aliens finally gets the big budget adaptation for which its author likely always pined.

Why: The novel is one of sci-fi's brainiest, and hey, there's Harrison Ford presumably grumbling up a storm as one of the elders.

Why not: In case you haven't heard, Card is a gigantic homophobe who called for revolution if gay marriage was ever implemented and now thinks people who hate him are being intolerant. But this isn't the first — or gazillionth — time a legitimately awful human being has produced good art.

Will get an Oscar for: Most talented dedicated homophobe.

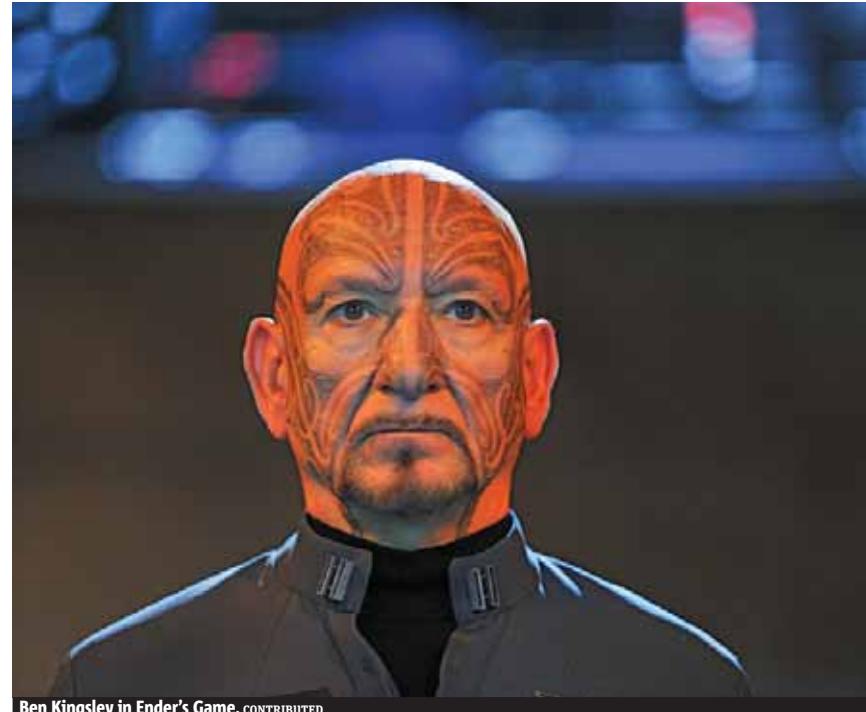
Dallas Buyers Club (Nov. 1)

What: Matthew McConaughey plays the real-life Ron Woodruff, a homophobe who in 1986 was diagnosed with HIV and started smuggling cheap, illegal drugs to stay alive.

Why: McConaughey is evidently still on the Great Comeback Tour that began last year with Bernie, Magic Mike and Killer Joe and is continuing with Mud and The Wolf of Wall Street. Good.

Why not: This could be self-important. But it sounds crazy enough that it might just work!

Will get an Oscar for: Best Matthew McConaughey performance of 2013.



Ben Kingsley in *Ender's Game*. CONTRIBUTED



The *Hunger Games* comes out on Nov. 22. CONTRIBUTED

About Time (Nov. 1)

What: British rom-com artist Richard Curtis (Love Actually) long ago became a genre unto himself, but lately he's been trying to wiggle his way out. Pirate Radio wasn't romantic

at all, and his latest concerns time travelling: A young man (Domhnall Gleeson) tries to change his love life with magic and — whaddaya know? — gets Rachel McAdams.

Why: The most annoying thing about Curtis is that, insufferable though his films regularly are, they tend to have various degrees of charm.

Why not: He still made Love Actually.

Will get an Oscar for: Best attempt to shake up a desiccating career with a sci-fi gimmick.

Thor: The Dark World (Nov. 8)

What: Everyone's favourite hammer-wielding Norse god who's the source of fish-out-

of-water jokes (Chris Hemsworth) goes solo again. This time he battles totally different superpowerful beings.

Why: The first was moderately amusing, though presumably this time our square-jawed brickhouse of a hero knows better than to request a horse at a pet shop.

Why not: In other words, what's left to show?

Will get an Oscar for: Best use of a Hemsworth brother.

The Wolf of Wall Street (Nov. 15)

What: Martin Scorsese returns to keyed-up, gleefully amoral Goodfellas mode, only this time about even worse people: stockbrokers (played by Leonardo DiCaprio and Jonah Hill).



The *Armstrong Lie* is Alex Gibney's second high profile doc in six months. CONTRIBUTED

The little films...

- How I Live.** The ever-ubiquitous Saoirse Ronan once again plays a young girl in duress, this time stuck on her lonesome in the countryside as a third world war breaks out.
- The Armstrong Lie.** You think Tyler Perry makes too many movies? This look at Lance Armstrong is Alex Gibney's second high profile documentary in the

last six months, after the disappointing Julian Assange hit job WikiLeaks: We Steal Secrets.

Nebraska. Alexander Payne follows up The Descendants with this more simplified drama, shot in black-and-white and following a road trip taken by a man (Will Forte) and his grumbling father (Bruce Dern).

Why: If this isn't ridiculously entertaining and hugely quotable, then there's no god.

Why not: There's probably no god anyway. But seriously, there's zero chance this isn't a blast. Have we mentioned Matthew McConaughey, currently waist-deep in career repairmen mode, is in it?

Will get an Oscar for: Best movie ever.

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (Nov. 22)

What: Some girl with a weird name that rhymes with "cat piss" (Jennifer Lawrence) continues her adventures outsmarting a dystopian future

society with her archery skills while choosing which nice boy to be with.

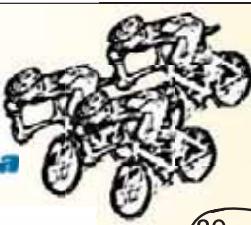
Why: The books (or at least the first one) are some of the easiest reads in memory. And by easiest, we mean they're stupid and poorly written without being distractingly so a la the works of Dan Brown.

Why not: The Battle Royale films (even the somewhat underrated sequel) do this better, and give you R-rated carnage to boot. But do they feature "futuristic" names like Haymitch Abernathy and Caesar Flickerman?

Will get an Oscar for: Best terrible names.



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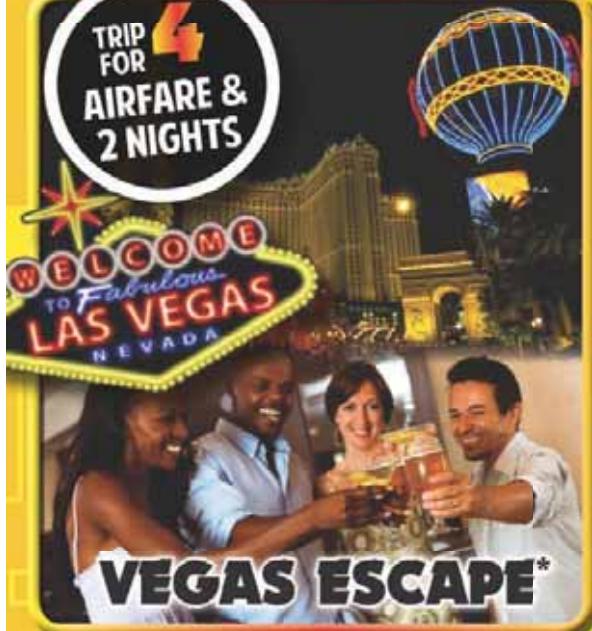
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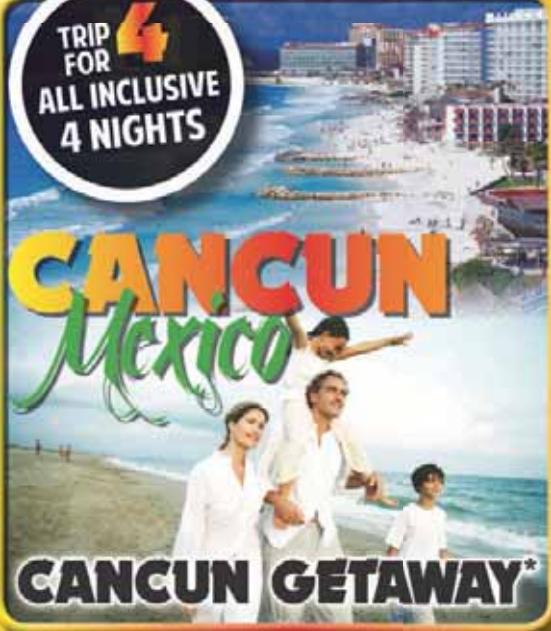
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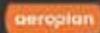
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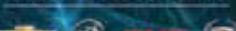
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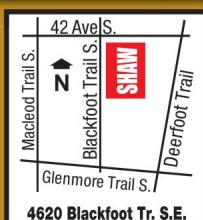
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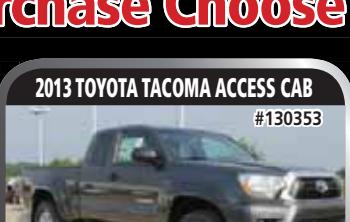
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